

FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL

POLICY MANUAL



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18.02.01 PURPOSE

To describe the duties and functions of the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary and to delineate the policies, procedures and regulations of the Auxiliary.

18.02.02 POLICY

It is the policy of the Florida Highway Patrol to provide guidance to members of the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary through various policies, procedures and regulations that have been established to direct members in the performance of their sworn duties and responsibilities.

18.02.03 DEFINITIONS

Limited Scope Patrol – Limited Scope Patrol is limited to activity pertaining to the “Motorist Assistance Program” performed while in the FHP vehicle.

18.02.04 OBJECTIVES

- A. To make understood that members of the Auxiliary are not commissioned with sworn officer status.
- B. To describe the duties of members of the Auxiliary.
- C. To ensure that Auxiliary members are trained in the duties which they are expected to perform.
- D. To provide for bonding and/or public liability protection, for Auxiliary officers that is equal to full-time members.
- E. To ensure that uniforms of Auxiliary members are clearly distinguishable from those of full-time members.

18.02.05 PROCEDURES

- A. Duties of the Auxiliary shall be limited to assisting the Florida Highway Patrol in the performance of its regularly constituted duties, as specified in Section 321.24(4), Florida Statutes.
- B. Auxiliary members are not commissioned with sworn officer status and do not have the same authority of a full-time member.
- C. Auxiliary members must satisfactorily complete the training required by the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and the Division of Florida Highway Patrol.
- D. Auxiliary members must complete 40 hours of mandatory retraining every four years.
- E. Auxiliary members shall wear uniforms that are clearly distinguishable from full-time sworn members.
- F. Auxiliary members shall be provided the same bonding and/or public liability protection as is equal to full-time officers.
- G. Auxiliary members may be authorized to make arrests upon completion of approved training and authorization by the Florida Highway Patrol troop commander. The auxiliary member must be under the direct supervision of a Florida Highway Patrol trooper who is either physically present on the scene, or who is in contact by radio and, where practicable and has authorized the arrest. Auxiliary members who have not completed the aforementioned training are not authorized to make arrests.
- H. Auxiliary members performing limited scope patrol shall be under the supervision of a Florida Highway Patrol trooper as described in item "F" above.
- I. Auxiliary members do not have, nor can they attain career service status.
- J. Auxiliary members serve at the pleasure of the Director and may be separated from the Auxiliary without cause.